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SUBJECT: VISA RECIPROCITY: PORTS OF ENTRY

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH SUBSTITUTION OF DULLES FOR WASHINGTON PROPOSED PARA 5, REFTEL B IN ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON VISA QUESTION.

2. IN HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION POSED BY PARA 7 OF REFTEL B, DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT C-1 VISAS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR AEROFLOT CREWS. HOWEVER, DURING CALL ON DEPARTMENT OFFICER FRIDAY, SOVEMBASSY CONSULAR CHIEF GALISHNIKOV INDICATED THAT AEROFLOT HOPES TO ROTATE CREWS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, MAKING USE OF THEIR SERVICES ON BOTH INBOUND AND OUT-
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BOUND FLIGHTS. SINCE ROTATION BETWEEN NEW YORK AND WASHING-

TON, WHETHER OF SORT ENVISAGED BY REFTEL B OR THAT INDICATED BY GALISHNIKOV, IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 9 OF THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF 1966, WE WOULD MAINTAIN WITH SOVIETS THAT U.S. CONSENT IS NECESSARY FOR ANY TYPE OF CREW ROTATION BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES- DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPECT RECIPROCAL RIGHTS FOR FLIGHTS OF U.S. CARRIERS, WHETHER SCHEDULED OR CHARTER. DEPARTMENT HOPES THEREBY TO IMPROVE SITUATION DESCRIBED PARA 5, REFTEL C.

3. RECIPROCITY FOR AMERICAN CARRIERS HINGES UPON BOTH AGREEMENT ON ALTERNATIVE PORTS OF ENTRY AND EXIT AND UPON AMPLIFICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT FOR CREW ROTATION. IF EMBASSY CONCURS, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS COUNTERPROPOSAL TO MFA REACTION DESCRIBED REFTEL A:

QUOTE SOVIET AIRLINE CREWS MAY ROTATE BETWEEN AND STAY TEMPORARILY IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON WITHOUT NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL PROVIDED THAT THEY LEAVE ON THE AIRCRAFT ON WHICH THEY ARRIVED OR ON THE NEXT FLIGHT DEPARTING FROM NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON, WHETHER REGULARLY SCHEDULED OR CHARTER, OF A SOVIET AIRLINE, UNLESS PREVENTED BY ILLNESS OR CREW REST REQUIREMENTS. END QUOTE

QUOTE AMERICAN AIRLINE CREWS MAY ROTATE BETWEEN AND STAY TEMPORARILY IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD WITHOUT NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL PROVIDED THAT THEY LEAVE ON THE AIRCRAFT ON WHICH THEY ARRIVED OR ON THE NEXT FLIGHT DEPARTING FROM MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, WHETHER REGULARLY SCHEDULED OR CHARTER, OF AN AMERICAN AIRLINE, UNLESS PREVENTED BY ILLNESS OR CREW REST REQUIREMENTS. END QUOTE

QUOTE SOVIET AND AMERICAN AIRLINE CREWS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR VISAS OF TWO-YEAR VALIDITY PERMITTING ENTRY AND EXIT AT, IN THE CASE OF SOVIET CREWS, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, OR, IN THE CASE OF AMERICAN CREWS, MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. END QUOTE

4. EMBASSY MAY AT ITS OPTION INFORM MFA THAT DUE TO SHORTNESS OF TIME DEPARTMENT CONSENTS TO AEROFLOT'S ROTATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CREWS FOR INAUGURAL FLIGHT. ROTATION ON FUTURE FLIGHTS WILL NOT BE ACCORDED IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT PROPOSED PARA 3. RUSH

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